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SUBJECT: TRANS-ATLANTIC BALOON CROSSING: MALCOLM FORBES

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1. CHECK WITH FORBES MAGAZINE, NYC, REVEALS FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPOSED TRANS-ATLANTIC BALOON FLIGHT. BALOON WILL DEPART SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 A.M., DECEMBER 30 FOR FLIGHT ACROSS SOUTHERN CONTINENTAL US, OVER ATLANTIC OCEAN FOR LANDING EITHER IN NORTH AFRICA OR SOUTHERN EUROPE. BALOON WILL BE TRAVELING AT APPROXIMATELY 40,000 FEET ALTITUDE; LENGTH OF FLIGHT DEPENDS ON WIND CONDITIONS, BUT ESTIMATED TO TAKE FROM 4 TO 7 DAYS.

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2. IN ANSWER TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS POSED BY EMBASSY

REFTEL: A) FORBES GROUP HAS NOT YET UNDERTAKEN ANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE SEARCH AND/OR RESCUE MISSION IN MAURITANIA. B) AIR SHIP WILL BE SIMILAR IN DESIGN TO THAT OF GATCH I.E. 13 BALLOONS PLUS SPHERICAL GONDOLA. NAME OF SHIP "WINDBORNE" WILL BE STENCILED ON SIDE OF GONDOLA ALONG WITH US FLAG AND NOTATION INDICATING "FORBES MAGAZINE, ATLANTIC PROJECT". C) AIR SHIP WILL CARRY SOPHISTICATED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO BE MONITORED BY TWO CONTROL CENTERS 1) RCA GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS, 60 BROAD ST., NYC 2) CENTRE NATIONAL POUR L'EXPLORATION SPATIAL (CNES), TOULOUSE, FRANCE. D) FORBES PROJECT CANNOT NOW PREDICT WHERE BALLOON WILL LAND BUT MAURITANIA IS THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY. MAW UNQUOTE BROWN

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